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## ORIGIN

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1. It is reported that Jakob Kaiser, CDU Chairman, is under strong attack from the Russians; the latter have tried to get Hermes back but he has refused. Kaiser complained to SMA that local Soviet commanders are inciting local CDU groups against him and suggesting that Ernst Lemmer should take over. The liaison officer, Major Kratin, replied that Kaiser's whole attitude is too pro-Western.
2. An article in Berliner Zeitung, 15 October, signed "HO", attacking Kaiser was written by a CDU member named Hohm. According to source, Hohm was the author of the extremely hostile article against Hermes and Schreiber on the first page of Neue Zeit 21 December 1945, which was the climax of the Russian-staged Hermes crisis.
3. Lemmer has been under fire in some CDU quarters for alleged Nazi connections. He was accused of having written for Nazi papers during the war and of having a signed photograph of Ribbentrop on his desk. According to a reliable source, Dr. Hermes and Dr. Pechel discussed this question with Lemmer 16 October and Lemmer was able to clear himself to their satisfaction.

Comment: Lemmer has now published a signed article on "Germany's contribution to Peace" in the official Russian Tägliche Rundschau of 14 November 1946. In this article he urges establishment of democracy in Germany and loyal cooperation with the occupying powers.

4. Dr. Leo Herwegen, Province of Saxony, has fallen into disgrace with the Russians because in a speech he cited the Krupp workers as an example of industriousness. The Russians would not be opposed to his resigning, but he has no intention of doing so and is being supported by the Party.
5. The CDU is backing all ~~CDU~~ leaders more strongly since the elections. Kaiser intends to present the following demands to Karlshorst: Release of all CDU members arrested during the election campaign. Increased allotment of newspaper. Challenge election results in 15 counties (Kreise) in which CDU was not allowed to nominate candidates.

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